

PRESENTING COLUMBIA-KNIGHT MOTOR CAR TO CHRISTY MATHEWSON AT GIANTS' OPENING IN NEW YORK



Mathewson Started as Mascot, but Rapidly Worked Into Stardom.

HOW Mathewson became a big league pitcher is a story of athletic romance rapid and romantic enough to heighten the wildest flight of imagination of those youngsters who dream of fame as a ball toter. At an age when most ambitious ball players are just learning to swing a bat, Matty was playing real ball with a team in one of the minor leagues. And during that period he was invariably playing with an against men who were older both in years and experience.

Matty's soundest advice an aspiring pitcher is that upon which his own success was founded—control of the ball.

He freely admits that his early determination not to sacrifice control to any other element of the game has been an important bearing upon his career. How he practiced throwing stones merely for amusement in his early days, he pitched balls all day long at a companion who stood up against a barn, are incidents of his early training which he delights in relating.

Started out as a mascot.

He was mascot of the town team. He chased all the wild fowls that no one

The above pictures show the crowd at the Polo grounds and the presentation of a motor car to Christy Mathewson by New York fans. Commissioner Waldo made the presentation speech. Mathewson is one of the best liked ball players that ever played the National game. The gift of this expensive automobile is a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held in New York City.

else was willing to run after. He practiced pitching "ins" and "drops." Three years later, when the Factoryville pitcher failed to show up for a game he had his first opportunity to play ball.

It was not without a test, however. The team was composed of big, brawny men, who had enjoyed all the hero-worship that Factoryville could give them. These players acted in a hostile spirit. "That Mathewson kid" pitched for two solid hours. After the best batsman of the town has been stacked up against him, he succeeded in fanning out the captain. He also won the game for his team.

The next fall found Matty playing second base on the team of Keystone academy and the following year, at the age of 14, he was captain. One thing worried him, however. He was cross-handed in hitting, even if he did have good control of his curves, and he set himself to work correcting his style. When vacation time came around he returned to Factoryville and pitched for the team, but he was soon bought by a rival team in a nearby town, receiving exactly \$1 a game and playing with the big grownups.

Graduating from Keystone in '23 he went to Bucknell college. While in Scranton that summer, a Y. M. C. A. games in which he struck out 15 men did much to focus attention upon him, and when he later went to Honesville, Pa., he was given \$20 a month and his

board to pitch for the town team. Before the season ended he was offered \$30 a month to pitch for the Taunton club in the New England league, but this club disbanded and he returned to Honesville, which place, Matty says, became an important link in his career. It is here that he discovered and practiced the "fadeaway" which later became of great value to him and he also ceased to hit cross-handed.

Also a Football Player.

In the fall of the year, returning to Bucknell, he played fullback upon the college football team, as a member of which he was then more widely known than as a baseball player. This was due to his ability as a drop-kicker. In fact, during a football game with the University of Pennsylvania he scored two field goals and his work brought him the attention of Philadelphia's John Smith, former manager of a New England league club. Smith signed him up in the Virginia league with the Norfolk club.

Matty went back to Bucknell when the football game was ended, proud of his score in college football and with a contract to play baseball for Norfolk at \$30 per month. His season at this club was equally brilliant. Twenty-one games out of 23 were placed to his credit.

This was his last minor league record. "Phonny" John Smith had the opportunity to sell Matty to the New York Nationals or to the Philadelphia

club and he gave Matty his choice. He decided on the Giants because he believed there was greater opportunity and he became a big league pitcher when he was just 19 years old. The brilliant work he has done since 1900 is a matter of vivid recollection to every fan.

As His Record Reads Now.

While Matty got a bad start in 1900, subsequent seasons brought him a record that reads as follows: Out of 41 games which he has pitched in National league fights, he scored 233 victories and 122 defeats. In 23 years his average has been 63 percent and when it is recalled that his first three years involved winning with a team that was then a tail ender, his record becomes the more appreciated.

The Giant star's best season was in 1904 when he won 25 games and lost but eight. In 11 post season games against the Athletics, Red Sox and Yankees in the American league, the giant twirler permitted only 17 runs. What is equally remarkable is that in 29 innings played in post season games only 13 developed a tally and in 36 innings with Matty in the box not a player reached home.

The whole-souled interest of the baseball world has never been held stronger nor more continuously than Matty has held theirs, and the presentation of a Columbia-Knight motor car to him is regarded as a worthy tribute to a great athlete and man.

Forest Smithson Expected To Win Hurdles In the Coming Olympiad

(By Howard Valentine.)

Showed Great Form in the Last Big Olympic Meeting.

IN NO event at the London Olympiad in 1903 did America show her supremacy as conclusively as in the 110 meter high hurdle race that was won by Forest Smithson, of Portland, Ore. In that race each of the four semifinalists showed a Yankee timber-topper in the run, and the quartet that reached the final were Rand, of Harvard; Garrels, of Michigan; Shaw, of Dartmouth, and the hero of this short narrative—Smithson. When the four men took their marks a hush fell over the thousands that filled the Stadium at Shepherd's Bush.

The Race at London.

Every one in that vast assemblage that knew the first thing about track and field sports realized that he was about to witness the greatest high hurdle race that had ever been run. The gun spoke, and the four Yankees broke to a perfect start. Over the very first obstacle Smithson seemed to have a shade on the others. Even the great Garrels and Shaw, the record equiser, could not hold the boy from the west. Smithson ran the hurdles without a stumble, and in a jump in his action. From the fifth hurdle on, the mighty

Garrels threw caution to the winds and took chances of hitting a hurdle in an attempt to pick up ground on Smithson, but the fiercer the contest did not yield an inch and won the race comfortably. The English timers, always loath to concede anything to an American, gave Smithson 15 seconds flat for the 110 meters (120.6 yards). Therefore it can be seen that Smithson not only created a new world record for the 110 meter hurdle, but he ran faster than the 120-yard hurdle mark of 15 1-3 seconds that is credited to a Swedish and Shaw.

Smithson is the Class.

This same Smithson will be about the best that Uncle Sam will have to show in the coming Olympiad at Stockholm. He is working hard now to "come back" and though he is not going at the old pace as yet, Forest is showing flashes of speed that indicate that he will return in the flower of America's athletic performers.

Like Ralph Rose and some more western athletes, Smithson had a "show" the men of the east before they would believe that he was as good as the advance reports of his prowess claimed him to be. Smithson's first appearance in the east was at the national championships at the James-town exposition in 1907. Smithson easily defeated his field in the high hurdle, and in the lot was A. B. Shaw, the great Dartmouth hurdler, running in

Is One of the Western Boys Who Lived Up to Reputation.

the colors of the Chicago Athletic association.

Wears a Sprinter's Shoe.

Smithson, unlike most hurdlers, does not wear the regulation hurdlers shoes, with spikes set in the heels as well as in the toes. He wears the same style pump as the ordinary track sprinter, with no provision whatever for landing on his heels in coming down from clearing a hurdle. What's the reason? It's this: Smithson's heels never touch the ground from the time he crouches at the start until after he has cleared his race. He is up on the tip of his toes every second of the time, even when landing from clearing a hurdle. Ten and one-fifth seconds is Smithson's gait for the 100 yard dash. This he does not once in a while, but every time he stands under good conditions. He ran second to Dan Kelly in that famous race at Spokane, in 1904. In Kelly hit the tape Smithson was but half a yard behind him. Granting that Kelly did 3 4-5 seconds, which seems within the range of possibility, Smithson, in finishing up so close ran a very fast "century."

Best of all of Smithson's qualities is his style of clearing the hurdles. His work over the high timbers is absolutely perfect. In more than 80 races run in and around New York, where he was east in the winter of 1907-8, Smithson did not trip over a single hurdle.

NEW ORLEANS FINE CENTER OF BOXING.

Referee Tells Andrews that With Nursing, It Will Be of the Best.

(By Tom S. Andrews.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 4.—Harry Stout, who put in the winter at New Orleans as referee for the Westside A. C., and the Orleans A. C., thinks that the southern metropolis can be made into one of the best boxing centers in the states if handled with care. Stout made quite a success of his work there, despite a few kicks registered by dissatisfied boxers early in the season.

Such stars as Battling Nelson, Johnny Coulson, Sam Lewis, manager of Johnny Daly, Frankie Burns and the promoters, Messrs. Torrich and Roper, have given him a great endorsement, being entirely fair in all his work and thoroughly competent. He should be, for he has had over 20 years' experience in the ring as referee and under such a good judge as the late Geo. Siler.

How New Orleans Stacks Up.

"The boxing game down south," said Mr. Stout, "needs nursing a bit, but with a little care New Orleans will be one of the best cities in the country. The fans there like plenty of action and they also want decisions rendered, but they do not seem to want them decided where they are close.

"The lack of local boys to pit against outsiders also had something to do with the interest lagging at times, but now that the game has been going for the past two years there have been more local boxers developing and some of them are good.

Naturally a Good Town.

"Naturally the interest increases and with a few more good boys coming to the front the interest will be still greater. It is naturally a good town for boxing, for there are few other sports in the city. The fans are good and the fact that some of the real good bouts between high class boys have drawn from \$4000 to \$12,000, it is the clubs' fault that they are not better. I may also go down to act as something of that kind in view. I expect to go back there next season and in the winter and referee the big bouts. I may also go down to act as third man in the ring for Mandot and Temple on May 9, if I can get away."

TROUT FISHING IN NEW MEXICO

Local fishermen are pleased to learn that the brook trout season in New Mexico will open on May 15 as usual. Each year there is a great exodus of the part of El Paso varieties of the rod and reel to the mountain streams of New Mexico.

CLUB STANDING

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	13	4	.765
Boston	10	7	.588
Cleveland	9	8	.529
Philadelphia	8	9	.471
Cincinnati	7	10	.412
Detroit	6	11	.353
St. Louis	5	12	.294
New York	4	13	.235

Results Friday.

Washington, St. Boston, 1.
Chicago, 7; Cleveland, 4.
Detroit, 10; St. Louis, 5.
Philadelphia, 15; New York, 15.

Games Sunday.

St. Louis at Detroit.
Cleveland at Chicago.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	12	3	.800
New York	10	4	.714
Boston	9	5	.643
Cleveland	8	6	.571
Brooklyn	7	7	.500
Philadelphia	6	8	.429
Pittsburgh	5	9	.357
St. Louis	4	10	.286

Results Friday.

Brooklyn, 9; Pittsburgh, 8.
Chicago, 9; Philadelphia, 6.
Philadelphia, 8; New York, 6.

Games Sunday.

Cincinnati at St. Louis.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Oakland	21	3	.875
Vernon	15	12	.556
San Francisco	11	16	.407
Los Angeles	10	17	.370
Sacramento	12	16	.429
Portland	7	17	.292

TEXAS LEAGUE.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Waco	12	10	.545
Austin	11	10	.524
Houston	11	10	.524
Dallas	10	11	.476
Beaumont	9	12	.429
San Antonio	8	13	.385
Galveston	7	14	.333
Fort Worth	7	14	.333

TOURING WEST OVER BORDERLANDS

Roswell Motorist Declares that Thus Far the Trip Has Been Most Pleasant—To Better the Route Through Cochise County.

Douglas, Ariz., May 4.—H. C. Long, his three sons and Louis Lenzon, ex-Roswell, N. M., traveling in a Jackson "40," passed through Douglas en route to Los Angeles. This is the first party of tourists traveling west to pass over the local route.

Mr. Long is a prominent farmer of the Roswell district and recently decided to make a trip to the Angel City on business. His sons being eager to go with him, he decided to make the trip by auto over the new highway. The car being equipped with a camp outfit which allows the tourists to decide for themselves just how far they desire to go each day.

"We have enjoyed every minute of the trip thus far," said Mr. Long yesterday. "The roads are surprisingly good and we have had no trouble whatever in negotiating them. The signboards posted along the road have been a great aid to us in going this far."

Roswell Working on Highway.

Roswell, Mr. Long stated, is working with night and main to better the highway both east and west in its immediate district. As he came from the New Mexico town he noticed numerous evidences of interest and work being done along the road.

The party called upon secretary Grindell at the chamber of commerce for a lot of over the highway from this city to Tucson, which was furnished them. They intended to spend a few hours in Biesee and push on from there to Hereford last night.

A Call has been issued by W. M. Adamson, vice president for the Arizona division of the Borderland highway, for a gathering of the Cochise county highway enthusiasts to be held in Biesee, at the Copper Queen hotel, at 8 p. m. Saturday.

At this gathering settlement of the route through Cochise county from the New Mexico line will be discussed, and a committee appointed whose duty it shall be to ascertain how much money the county can expend in this connection. It is probable that from 20 to 40 local people will attend. Efforts are being made to get together a party of 10 automobiles to make the trip from Douglas.

Must Fix Roadway.

When O. D. Dineen made the trip over the highway recently, he called attention to the fact that the worst strip of road on the entire route from Douglas City, Ariz., to Phoenix, was between Hereford and the Empire ranch. A large portion of this road lies within the boundaries of Cochise county and must be placed in proper shape by the automobilists of the county.

Along the line of needed work is that of grading, and a few places of putting in small culverts. The road will also have to be plentifully signboarded in order to guide tourists alike.

The county road fund will doubtless allow of some portion of this work being accomplished at the expense of the general public. The supervisors will, it is believed, favor standing at least a portion of the expense. The signboarded, which will be placed in the ditch at the expense of the automobilists.

Therefore, in the course of a couple of hours he drew into—

Alamogordo!

Sure! he had taken the wrong road. And he a good roads authority.

JACK JOHNSON MAKES PLANS FOR TRAINING

Chicago, Ill., May 4.—Jack Johnson says that he would start for his training quarters near Las Vegas in about three weeks.

The Johnson party will consist of Clyde Brooks, Harry Cullum, Jim Smith, John Perkins and Walter Monahan, trainers; his wife and mother. A special clause in the fight articles, Johnson will be permitted to take two automobiles with him.

Johnson is doing a little light work now. He weighed 128 1-2 pounds stripped yesterday.

ROLLER WINS TWO FALS

OUT OF THREE FROM CAZEUX

Montreal, Canada, May 4.—Dr. Roller again showed his superiority over Raymond Cazeaux last night by winning two falls out of three. The doctor took the first in 35 minutes with a crotch hold and bar lock. Cazeaux got the second after 25 minutes, using a strange hold. Dr. Roller took the third with a half Nelson and scissor.

LOCAL DRIVERS TALK OF DRIVING RULES

MEMBERS of the El Paso Automobile club are quasi-officially discussing the need of a more painstaking recognition of the conventional rules and regulations which universally govern street driving.

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JUST A LITTLE TRIP TAKEN BY W. F. CARTER

THE prize joke of the season—and the cigar—is of William F. Carter, Jr., manager of the Rio Grande Automobile company.

Let it be stated in the premises that Mr. Carter is a good roads oracle. He has made a study of the highway conditions in and about El Paso and he can reel off figures on roads with the promptitude of a statistician.

When the representative of the Transcontinental Touring club was here, Carter was in the forefront of commerce and he, Carter's, voice was raised again in meetings of the El Paso Auto club in regard to the official action which this body should take on the Borderland highway.

Therefore, getting down to the yarn, Mr. Carter, who drove to Las Cruces last Tuesday in his little Hummobile demonstrator, decided that in the wisdom of his grasp on road conditions he would pass over San Augustin pass and proceed thence into El Paso.

He executed the pass with ease and with the little Hum singing a merry four cylinder tune he beat it along the highway, having in mind, perhaps, a record into El Paso over this east mountain road.

The Hum buzzed on and Carter reflected over the forthcoming record. In fact, he reflected so deeply that he was oblivious to all scenery, sun and wind.

Born Every Minute, Sometimes Twins

New Johnson-Flynn Mill Is to Be Fanciest Ever.

PROCEEDING on the good old theory—that they are born every minute—and that sometimes they are twins—and also the Pete Barnumese explanation—that the public likes to be affixed, or words to that effect, Jack Johnson announces that no seats at the Johnson-Flynn burlesque will go for less than \$20 and that there will be no general admission tickets.

One cannot help but admire the adamantness of the young Chicago promoter. Here is a bout that was almost booed into oblivion by the fans and now the promoters expect to lag it with the fanciest prices that ever have been paid to see gentlemen of the leather play at sport.

But while Mr. Curley may rule that \$20 is the minimum wage which will transfer a corner into the kick of Mr. A. Fanatic, it so happens that there is no rule which says that anyone must pay \$20 to sit through this promised exhibition of a corner into the kick of Mr. A. Fanatic.

But, as we remarked ahead, they are born every minute, and often they're twins.

In spite of the flowery assertions that they will "come back," meaning that they will come down, those Cincinnati

SANNY TROT TROTS AROUND

SEVEN ROUNDS WITH UNHOLZ

Cleveland, O., May 4.—Sanny Trot of Columbus, O., and Rudy Unholz of Windsor, Ont., the Boer lightweight, boxed 15 rounds to a draw here last night. Both men put up an aggressive fight and the bout was largely a slug-fest match.

Swell Race Is Being Run In Tight Little Texas League

Up-to-date the Attendance Has Bettered Any Previous Year—Gossip of Teams and Players in the State League.

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